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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re application of: Roy D. Kombluh, et al.

Attorney Docket No.: SRI1P035/US-4237-

Application No.: 10/053,511

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Title: VARIABLE STIFFNESS

ELECTROACTIVE POLYMER SYSTEMS

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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	Claims After Amendment		Highest Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity Rate Fee	Large Entity Rate Fee
Total Claims	96	MINUS	95	1	x9 = 9	x 18 =
Independent Claims	13	MINUS	12	1	x 43 = 43	x 86 =
Multiple Dependent Claim Present and Fee Not Previously Paid					\$145.00	\$290.00
				Total	\$52.00	\$

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Please charge the required fees, or any additional fees required to facilitate filing the enclosed response, to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. SRI1P035).

Respectfully submitted,

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In re application of: Kornbluh, et al.

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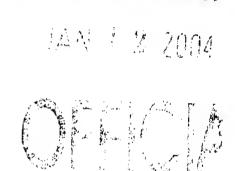
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Dear Sir.

In response to the Office Action dated October 9, 2003 please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.

App. No. 10/053,511 Docket No. SR1P036/US-4237-2 Reply to Office Action of October 9, 2003